Introduced by Senator Speier

February 22, 2005

An act to add Section 5012 to the Penal Code, and to add Section 1710.5 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to correctional facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 620, as amended, Speier. Youth and adult facilities: random testing and searches.

Existing law provides that the Secretary of the Youth and Adult Corrections Agency has the power of general supervision over, and is directly responsible to the Governor for, the Department of Corrections and the Department of the Youth Authority.

This bill would require the secretary to require that every person who enters the property of the Department of Corrections and the Department of the Youth Authority or a privately operated correctional facility be subject to random drug detection testing and searches for weapons and contraband. The bill would also require the secretary to develop and implement a uniform protocol for implementing this policy.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5012 is added to the Penal Code, to 2 read:

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5012. (a) The Secretary of the Youth and Adult Correctional Agency shall require that every person who enters property of the Department of Corrections or a private vendor privately operated correctional facility be subject to random drug detection testing and searches for weapons and contraband.

For purposes of this subdivision "every person" means custodial staff, noncustodial staff, visitors, vendors, state officials, and all other persons authorized to enter these facilities.

- (b) The secretary shall develop and implement a uniform protocol for random—drug detection testing and searches, to be applied consistently at all state operated and privately operated facilities housing state inmates and wards including prisons, and other facilities over which the Department of Corrections has jurisdiction, in order to carry out the requirements of subdivision (a). The protocol shall identify the method and frequency by which—drug detection testing and searches will be conducted. The protocol shall include the necessary training for all departmental personnel who will be conducting lawful—drug detection tests and searches of another person. No departmental personnel shall conduct a—drug detection test or search another person prior to receiving all necessary training required by this subdivision.
- (c) This section shall not be construed to limit the ability of departmental staff to conduct any other type of drug detection test or search currently being conducted or administered, including mandatory searches of inmates and persons visiting inmates. Imposition of liability, equitable relief, or money damages in a civil proceeding shall not be based solely on a failure to comply with the uniform protocol.
- SEC. 2. Section 1710.5 is added to the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:
- 1710.5. (a) The Secretary of the Youth and Adult Correctional Agency shall require that every person who enters the property of a Youth Authority facility operated by the state or a private vendor be subject to random drug detection testing and a private operator be subject to random searches for weapons and contraband.
- For purposes of this subdivision "every person" means custodial staff, noncustodial staff, visitors, vendors, state officials, and all other persons authorized to enter these facilities.

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(b) The secretary shall develop and implement a uniform protocol for random—drug detection testing and searches, to be applied consistently at all state operated and privately operated facilities housing wards including ranches, camps, schools, institutions, centers, treatment facilities, and other facilities over which the Youth Authority has jurisdiction, in order to carry out the requirements of subdivision (a). The protocol shall identify the method and frequency by which—drug detection testing and searches will be conducted. The protocol shall include the necessary training for all departmental personnel who will be conducting lawful—drug detection tests and searches of another person. No departmental personnel shall conduct a drug detection test—or search another person prior to receiving all necessary training required by this subdivision.

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